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**Rep. Klarides and Sen. Crisco Say Plans Finalized to Install Traffic Signal on Route 67 in Woodbridge**



*Goal to improve safety at intersection*

Hartford - **Representative Themis Klarides (R-Derby)** and **Senator Joseph Crisco (D-Woodbridge)** announced that substantial progress is being made to improve roadway safety in the Town of Woodbridge. The Department of Transportation (DOT) has finalized plans to install a traffic control signal at the intersection of Route 67 and Bear Hill Road and Acorn Hill Road.

There have been a number of motor vehicle accidents at the Route 67 intersection in recent years. One of the fatal accidents involved a 13 year-old boy who was killed when the car he was riding in was struck by a pickup truck. At first, DOT did not recommend a traffic light, but the agency reconsidered because of the efforts of the two lawmakers.

DOT Commissioner Stephen Korta has informed **Senator Crisco** and **Representative Klarides** that the department has scheduled the installation of a traffic control signal at the Route 67 intersection in a Vendor-In-Place (VIP) project. The intersection has been assigned a high priority, and the project is expected to be awarded in the next 30 days.

“This installation of a traffic light is an important step in the right direction to improve safety and help to reduce accidents on Route 67,” said **Senator Crisco**. “Officials at DOT should be commended to listening to our concerns and agreeing to expedite this project. This is an important safety project for the motorists traveling along this roadway.”

“Hopefully this light installation will prevent further tragedies such as those which have occurred at this intersection,” said **Representative Klarides**. “It will certainly make the area safer for motorists, and I am grateful that the DOT was so responsive to our request for this light installation.”

DOT officials said there are lead times associated with any signal installation, and because the contract has not been awarded, it is not possible to provide an exact date for the installation. The VIP contractor has up to six months to procure the necessary equipment for the installation.